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Application of: Miller et al.

Application No.: 09/766,044

Group Art Unit: 2832

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Examiner: Lincoln Donovan

For:

APPARATUS AND METHOD

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FOR MAGNETIC RESONANCE MEASUREMENT IN AN INTERIOR VOLUME

PROVISIONAL ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 WITH TRAVERSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 26, 2002, please consider the following traversal, provisional election and remarks. Submitted herewith is a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time to Respond for one months plus the necessary fee.

REMARKS

Claims 1-64 are pending in this application. The Examiner has required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-18, 25-35 and 42-64;
- II. Claims 19-24;
- III. Claims 36-41.

The Examiner contends that the inventions are distinct, each from the other.

In order to be fully responsive, applicant hereby provisionally elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-18, 25-35 and 42-64, with traversal.